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In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 10/663,753) Examiner: Unassigned
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Pursuant to O.G. notice published on August 5, 2003, and because the instant application was filed after June 30, 3003, Applicants submit that the requirement to submit copies of the cited U.S. patent is waived. Copies of the remaining listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents, which were identified from the enclosed European Search Report, and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

1. Japanese Publication No. 56-22729 is discussed at pages 1-3 of the specification of the present application. This document corresponds to enclosed UK Patent Application No. 1 467 685.
2. Japanese Publication No. 46-6574 is discussed at pages 1-2 of the specification of the present application. While this publication was noted to be merely "technical background" in the European Search Report enclosed, an English language abstract of this document will be provided upon request.
3. French Publication No. FR790635 is noted in the enclosed European Search Report as being merely "technical background." An English language abstract of this document will be provided upon request.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made (other than what is shown in the European Search Report) or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial*	Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
	4,071,928	02/07/1978	Oda			
	2,312,284	05/27/1941	Schaaff			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No
	56-22729	05/28/1981	JP			Yes (see UK 1 467 685)
	1 467 685	03/16/1977	UK			No
	46-6574	03/08/1971	JP			No
	790 635 A	11/25/1935	FR			No

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	European Search Report dated July 15, 2004 for Application No. EP 03 01 9855

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